

2001

Tax Computation for Children Under Age 14 with Investment Income

3800

Attach ONLY to the child's Form 540 or Long Form 540NR

Child's name as shown on return

Child's social security number

Parent's name (first, initial, and last). (Caution: See instructions before completing.)

Parent's social security number

Parent's filing status (check one):

☐ Single ☐ Married filing joint ☐ Married filing separate ☐ Head of household ☐ Qualifying widow(er)

Enter number of exemptions claimed on parent's return

Part I Figure child's net investment income

1 Enter the child's investment income, such as taxable interest, ordinary dividends, and capital gains.

See instructions. If this amount is \$1,500 or less, stop here; do not file this form

2 If the child DID NOT itemize deductions on Form 540 or Long Form 540NR, enter \$1,500. If the child ITEMIZED

deductions, see instructions

3 Subtract line 2 from line 1. If zero or less, stop here; do not complete the rest of this form but ATTACH

it to the child's return

4 Enter the child's **taxable** income from Form 540, line 19 or Long Form 540NR, line 195 Net investment income. Enter the **smaller** of line 3 or line 4**Part II Figure tentative tax based on the tax rate of the parent listed above**6 Enter the parent's **taxable** income from Form 540, line 19; Form 540A, line 16; TeleFile Tax Record, in the box labeled "Taxable Income;" or Long or Short Form 540NR, line 197 Enter the total net investment income, if any, from form(s) FTB 3800, line 5, of ALL OTHER children of the parent identified above. **Do not** include the amount from line 5 above

8 Add line 5 through line 7

9 Tax on the amount on line 8 based on the **parent's** filing status. Use the tax table or tax rate schedules found in the 2001 instructions for Form 540 or 540A. Long or Short Form 540NR filers, see instructions

10 Enter the parent's tax from Form 540, line 20; Form 540A, line 17; or TeleFile Tax Record, in the box labeled "Tax." Long or Short Form 540NR filers, see instructions. Do not include any tax from FTB 3803

11 Subtract line 10 from line 9. If you did not enter an amount on line 7, then enter the amount from line 11 on line 13 and skip line 12a and line 12b

12 a Add line 5 and line 7

12a

b Divide line 5 by line 12a. Enter the result as a decimal (rounded to at least three places)

12b

X

13 Multiply line 11 by the decimal amount on line 12b

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Part III Figure child's tax**Note:** If the amounts on line 4 and line 5 above are the same, go to line 16.

14 Subtract line 5 from line 4

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15 Tax on the amount on line 14 based on the **child's** filing status. Use the tax table or tax rate schedules found in the 2001 instructions for Form 540. Long Form 540NR filers, see instructions

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16 Add line 13 and line 15

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17 Tax on the amount on line 4 based on the **child's** filing status. Use the tax table or tax rate schedules found in the 2001 instructions for Form 540. Long Form 540NR filers, see instructions

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18 Compare the amounts on line 16 and line 17. Enter the **larger** of the two amounts here and on the child's Form 540, line 20. Also fill in the circle labeled "FTB 3800" on the child's tax return. Long Form 540NR filers, see instructions

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General Information**Purpose**

Any child who was under age 14 on January 1, 2002, and has investment income over \$1,500 is taxed at the parent's rate if the parent's rate is higher than the child's rate. If the child's investment income is more than \$1,500, use this form to figure the child's tax. Include only income taxed by California on this form. Also include investment income that was not taxed on the child's federal tax return but is taxable under California law.

If the child uses form FTB 3800, he or she must file Form 540, California Resident Income Tax Return or Long Form 540NR, California Nonresident or Part-Year Resident Income Tax Return.

Do not use form FTB 3800 if:

- Neither parent was living on December 31, 2001; OR

- The child's investment income was less than \$1,500.

If the child does not file form FTB 3800, figure the tax in the normal manner on the child's Form 540, Form 540A, Long or Short Form 540NR.

Note: Parents of children under age 14 on January 1, 2002, may elect to include the child's investment income on the parent's tax return. To make this election, the child must have had income only from interest and dividends. The election is not available if estimated tax payments were made in the child's name. Get form FTB 3803, Parents' Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends, for more information. If parents make this election, the child will not have to file a California tax return or form FTB 3800.

Caution: If you elect to report your child's income on your federal income tax return, but not on your California income tax return, be sure to make an adjustment on your Schedule CA (540 or 540NR), line 21f.

Specific Instructions

Parent's Name and Social Security Number

If federal Form 8615, Tax for Children Under Age 14 With Investment Income of More Than \$1,500, was filed with the child's federal tax return, enter the name and social security number of the same parent who was identified at the top of federal Form 8615.

If the child's parents were married to each other and filed a joint 2001 California tax return, enter the name and social security number of the parent who is listed first on the joint return.

If the parents were married but filed separate California tax returns, enter the name and social security number of the parent with the **higher** taxable income.

If the parents were unmarried, treated as unmarried for tax purposes, or separated either by a divorce or separate maintenance decree, enter the name and social security number of the parent who had custody of the child for most of 2001.

Exception. If the custodial parent remarried and filed a joint return with the new spouse, enter the name and social security number of the person listed first on the joint return, even if that person is not the child's parent. If the custodial parent and the new spouse filed separate returns, enter the name and social security number of the person with the **higher** taxable income, even if that person is not the child's parent.

Note: If the child's parents were unmarried but lived together during the year with the child, enter the name and social security number of the parent who had the **higher** taxable income.

Part I Figure Child's Net Investment Income

Line 1 – Enter the child's investment income. Include income such as taxable interest, dividends, capital gains, rents, annuities, and income received as a beneficiary. In most cases, this will be the same as the amount entered on federal Form 8615, except that you should include only income taxable by California. Also, you should include investment income that was not taxed on the child's federal tax return but is taxable under California law. For more information, get the instructions for Schedule CA (540 or 540NR), line 8 and line 9.

If the child had earned income (defined below), use the following worksheet to figure the amount to enter on form FTB 3800, line 1.

1. Enter the amount of the child's adjusted gross income from Form 540, line 17 or Long Form 540NR, line 17, whichever applies 1 _____
2. Enter the child's earned income 2 _____
(wages, tips, and other payments received for personal services performed)
3. Subtract line 2 from line 1. Enter the result here and on form FTB 3800, line 1 3 _____

Line 2 – If the child itemized deductions, enter the greater of:

- \$750 plus the portion of the amount on Form 540, line 18 or Long Form 540NR, line 18, that is directly connected with the production of the investment income shown on form FTB 3800, line 1; OR
- \$1,500.

Part II Figure Tentative Tax Based on Parent's Tax Rate

Note: If the parent used Form 540 2EZ, it will be necessary to refigure tax and refer to the tax tables for Form 540 or Form 540A in order to complete this part. Using Form 540 2EZ will **not** produce the correct result.

Line 6 – Enter the taxable income from Form 540, line 19; Form 540A, line 16; TeleFile Tax Record, in the box labeled "Taxable Income;" Long or Short Form 540NR, line 19, of the parent whose name is shown at the top of form FTB 3800. If the parent's taxable income is less than zero, enter -0- on line 6. If the parent filed a joint California tax return, enter the taxable income shown on that return even if the parent's spouse is not the child's parent.

Line 7 – If the individual identified as the parent on this form FTB 3800 is also identified as the parent on any other form FTB 3800, add the amounts, if any, from line 5 on each of the other forms FTB 3800 and enter the total on line 7.

Line 9 – Use the California tax table or tax rate schedules found in the 2001 instructions for Form 540 or 540A to find the tax for the amount on line 8, based on the parent's filing status (Long or Short Form 540NR filers, see below).

Long or Short Form 540NR Filers: To figure a revised California adjusted gross income and a tentative tax based on the parent's tax rate, complete the following steps. **Step 1** – Add the child's net investment income (FTB 3800, line 5) to the parent's adjusted gross income from all sources shown on Long or Short Form 540NR, line 17. **Step 2** – Add the portion of the child's net investment income that must be included in the child's California adjusted gross income to the parent's California adjusted gross income shown on the parent's Long or Short Form 540NR, line 25. **Step 3** – Divide the revised California adjusted gross income figured in Step 2 by the revised adjusted gross income from all sources figured in Step 1. **Step 4** – Find the tax on the amount on line 8 using the parent's filing status. Use the tax table or tax rate schedules found in the 2001 instructions for Long or Short Form 540NR. **Step 5** – Multiply the tax from Step 4 by the ratio figured in Step 3. Enter the result on line 9.

Line 10 – Enter the tax shown on the tax return of the parent identified at the top of form FTB 3800 from Form 540, line 20; Form 540A, line 17; or TeleFile Tax Record, in the box labeled "Tax Amount." If the parent filed a joint tax return, enter on line 10 the tax shown on that tax return even if the parent's spouse is not the child's parent.

Long or Short Form 540NR Filers: Multiply the tax on Long or Short Form 540NR, line 22 by the ratio on Long or Short Form 540NR, line 25a. Enter this amount of tax on line 10.

Part III Figure Child's Tax

Line 15 – Use the California tax table or tax rate schedules found in the 2001 instructions for Form 540 to find the tax for the amount on line 14 based on the child's filing status.

Long Form 540NR Filers: To figure a revised California adjusted gross income for the child and the child's tax, complete the following steps. **Step 1** – Subtract the child's net investment income entered on FTB 3800, line 5 of this form from the child's adjusted gross income from all sources entered on Long Form 540NR, line 17. **Step 2** – Subtract the portion of the child's net investment income that must be included in the child's California adjusted gross income from the child's California adjusted gross income on Long Form 540NR, line 25. **Step 3** – Divide the revised California gross income figured in Step 2 by the revised adjusted gross income from all sources figured in Step 1. **Step 4** – Find the tax on the amount on line 14 using the child's filing status. Use the tax table or tax rate schedules found in the 2001 instructions for Long Form 540NR. **Step 5** – Multiply the tax from Step 4 by the ratio figured in Step 3. Enter the result on line 15.

Line 17 – Use the California tax table or tax rate schedules found in the 2001 instructions for Form 540 to find the tax for the amount on line 4, based on the child's filing status.

Long Form 540NR Filers: After finding the tax in the tax table or tax rate schedules in the 2001 instructions for Long Form 540NR, multiply the tax by the ratio on Long Form 540NR, line 25a. Enter this amount on line 17.

Line 18 – Compare the amounts on line 16 and line 17 and enter the **larger** of the two amounts on line 18. Be sure to fill in the circle labeled "FTB 3800" on Form 540, line 20 of the child's tax return.

Long Form 540NR Filers: Compare the amounts on line 16 and line 17. Divide the **larger** of the two amounts by the ratio on the child's Long Form 540NR, line 25a. Enter the amount on line 18 and on the child's Long Form 540NR, line 22. Be sure to fill in the circle labeled "FTB 3800" on the child's Long Form 540NR, line 22.